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Saturday 5 April 2008  
Royal Albert Hall - programme up-date

## Noël introduces Transatlantic flavour to 2008 programme

In honour of Keith and Kristyn Getty's visit from the USA and, to be honest, inspired by his own recent trip to the States, Noël has chosen a programme with a distinctly transatlantic feel for the 2008 visit of Prom Praise to the Royal Albert Hall on Saturday 5 April 2008 (7.30pm).

The British contingent will weigh in with Elgar's traditional Proms favourite *Pomp & Circumstance March* and Hubert Parry's stunning anthem *I was glad*. Our American cousins will be responding with vigour in Bernstein's *West Side Story Symphonic Dances* and Aaron Copland's *Hoe Down*.

Noël came back from his trip with some strong Gospel numbers for the choir to get their teeth into. Even soprano Margaret Ferguson will get in on the act with a range of songs including one of her party

pieces, *Beat out that rhythm* from Carmen Jones, where Bizet gets some Hammerstein treatment, and then for a quiet moment Michael Tippett's sumptuous arrangement of the Gospel song *Steal Away* (from *Child of our Time*).

Keith and Kristyn will bring their own international flavour in their set of songs some familiar and some brand new, including *In Christ alone*, *There is a higher throne* and *Love of God* (which was premiered in 2007).

**Tickets still available from:  
Royal Albert Hall Box Office  
020 7589 8212  
[www.royalalberthall.com](http://www.royalalberthall.com)**

**£29.00, £27.50, £26, £22.50, £15.50,  
£9.50 (restricted view), £5 (arena standing).**



## Other 2008 highlights

### Prom Praise Merseyside - capital culture!

- joining the city in the year as European Capital of Culture. We are thrilled to be joined by two exciting guests on Saturday 21 June 2008.

### Taking the south coast by storm

- first Eastbourne, now Portsmouth. After a sell-out visit to Eastbourne's Congress Theatre in February, Prom Praise moves along the coast to Portsmouth's impressive Guildhall on Saturday 24 May 2008.

### 2008 Tour of Scotland

- plans changed, but the venues are booked and the itinerary is now in place with events in Aberdeen, Inverness, Dundee and Glasgow.

### Early warning for return to The Sage Gateshead

- friends in the North are so eager to see the Orchestra's return, demand for tickets is already building for the event on Saturday 8 November 2008.

Inside - see more details of the forthcoming 2008 events

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## Fitting it all together for a great year of events

### **Guildhall, Portsmouth**

After the sell-out event up the coast in Eastbourne, there is another chance for South Coast supporters to catch Prom Praise in 2008, this time in Portsmouth's largest music venue, The Guildhall (Saturday 24 May at 7.30pm)

The event is being organised in conjunction with the Portsmouth branch of the Royal School of Church Music, who will also gather together a choir from all around the Portsmouth area, including the young choristers of Portsmouth Cathedral Choir.

Michael Stoddart, our local representative said: "Our experience of Prom Praise last time was that it was a marvellous chance for people to worship God, led by musicians who also believe that music is a gift from God."

The choir will be joined by soloist soprano Joanne Lunn. Hugh Palmer will be the host and speaker.

**Tickets priced £7.50-19.50 are available from the Guildhall Box office on 023 9282 4355 [www.portsmouthguildhall.co.uk](http://www.portsmouthguildhall.co.uk)**



### **Philharmonic Hall, Liverpool**

Coming at the mid-way point of Liverpool's year as European Capital of Culture, PROM PRAISE returns to the Philharmonic Hall on Saturday 21 June 2008 (7.30pm) with an exciting line-up to join the celebrations with this unique contribution to the cultural and spiritual life of the city.

For the 2008 event the All Souls Orchestra & Merseyside Prom Praise Choir are joined by American baritone David Erik Gross. A Minister's son and now a member of All Souls Church, David is a rising star of the West End stage and has taken roles in a number of productions since moving to London, ranging from *Canterbury Tales*, through *Miss Saigon*, *Dirty Dancing* and *Phantom of the Opera*.

The Orchestra are also thrilled that James Jones, Bishop of Liverpool, will be able to join them on stage as special guest speaker for this very special event.

**Tickets priced £16-£8 are available from the Philharmonic Hall Box Office on 0151 709 3789 or [www.liverpoolphil.com](http://www.liverpoolphil.com)**



### **Tour of Scotland August 2008**

Like a number of our events in 2008, the tour of Scotland will be making a major link up with the Hope2008 initiative that is reaching out to many communities around the UK.

In the true tradition of Prom Praise, Hope2008 encourages churches to work together to bring the Gospel out into the community. We want to support that in any way we can. The events in the Tour of Scotland will be amongst many occasions around the country which make it possible for members of small churches to bring their neighbours, offer them a great evening out with the chance to hear the Gospel.



Tickets will go on sale in April. The 2008 venues will be:

Beach Ballroom, **Aberdeen** (Saturday 16 August 7.30pm)

Eden Court Theatre, **Inverness** (Tuesday 19 August 7.30pm)

Caird Hall, **Dundee** (Thursday 21 August 7.30pm)

Royal Concert Hall **Glasgow** (Saturday 23 August 7.30pm)  
(plus a special family matinee in Glasgow (Saturday 23 August 3pm))

Flyer with full booking details will be available soon - or keep an eye on the Orchestra's website for further details when available.

### **Advance news of Autumn events**

We are looking forward to return visits in the Autumn to two venues where enthusiasm and interest is already building.

#### **Stoke-on-Trent**

Victoria Hall - Saturday 4 October 2008

Tickets for the Stoke event will go on sale around Easter, from the Box office of the Victoria Hall. As preparations are building, we are pleased to announce that Bishop Michael Baughen has agreed to return with the Orchestra, by popular request.

#### **North East**

The Sage Gateshead - Saturday 8 November 2008

After the run away sales for the 2006 event, there is an expectation that tickets will again be snapped up for the return fixture in November 2008. Demand for tickets is already high. This time two performances will be on sale from the start of booking, 3pm and 7.30pm

Joanne Lunn will return as soloist, this time with Rico Tice as speaker.

For the most up-to-date access to tickets and information we recommend you have a look at the local website: [www.prompraisenortheast.org.uk](http://www.prompraisenortheast.org.uk)

## Web Watch [www.allsoulsorchestra.org](http://www.allsoulsorchestra.org)



If you haven't yet managed to get a look at the All Souls Orchestra's new website, why not give it a try.

We are making every effort to keep the information bang up-to-date, particularly about events going on sale - more regularly than we are able to do in print

- including, in some cases, direct links to the box offices so you can buy tickets straight away.

You can also buy CDs and DVDs, or make donations online (in a variety of currencies)

If you are interested in the background there are articles about the Orchestra personnel, history, and even pages on how to go about inviting Prom Praise to your town.

### Can you help?...

You don't have to be a musician to get involved in the All Souls Orchestra. Many other volunteers have put in a lot of time and energy before a musician walks on the stage! If you want to be more involved than as a member of the audience or listening to a CD, you will find some suggestions throughout the website, but here are few to start with:



#### Join the support team

The Orchestra would not get very far without the team of tireless and willing friends who support them behind the scenes. These jobs include: driving vans, carrying equipment, laying out the stage, sorting sheet music, catering, selling recordings at events, stewarding and so on...

We particularly have a need at the moment for some additional help for the Orchestra librarian, who puts together all the music for the concerts and services. We could also do with some more 'mature' folks whose driving license allows them to drive a van. If you think you can help with either of these needs, please get in touch.



#### Join the givers

Take a look at the 'help us' pages of the website to find out the variety of ways in which you can support the ministry of the All Souls Orchestra financially (not all of them involve parting with money!). Whether through setting up a Standing Order, joining the Corporate Partnership, organising a sponsored hymn-athon or simply making a quick donation online - every contribution is very welcome.

#### Join the pray-ers

We very much value the prayer support of many friends in all parts of the world. Our plan is to keep the website up-to-date with news of all kinds about forthcoming plans. If you would like to pray for us, please use this.

### Farewell Gerard...

After 20 years on the staff of All Souls Church, Gerard Brooks is moving on. To be honest he's not moving too far - from April 2008 he becomes Director of Music at the Methodist Central Hall Westminster.

As well as supporting Noël at All Souls, Gerard has also gone on the road with the All Souls Orchestra on a number of occasions over the years and many around the country will remember his outstanding virtuosity as organ soloist, putting various instruments through their paces - not least on the times he took charge of the Royal Albert Hall's magnificent instrument. Over those years, he has also built up the popular concerts of the All Souls Choir and the All Souls International Organ Series.

Gerard assures us that he hopes to be available to join the Orchestra again when time allows. But in the meantime, we are sure that you will join us in wishing him the very best in his new role.



### Other dates

**Orchestra at Sunday Services in All Souls Church:**

Sunday 27 April 2008 at 6.30pm - Evening service

Sunday 8 June 2008 at 9.30 & 11.30 - Morning services

Sunday 13 July 2008 at 6.30pm - Evening service

11 May 2008 - look out for All Souls Orchestra at the **Global Day of Prayer** at Millwall Football Stadium

# Recordings

## PROM PRAISE - Celebrating 30 Years

Acclaimed recording of the 30th Anniversary concert at the Royal Albert Hall in April 2007. The event is captured in full, with inspiring performances from Orchestra, Massed Choir and guest soloists - Stuart Townend, Chris Eaton and Heidi Pegler, plus all of Rico Tice's challenging Pause for Thought.

2CD £15.00  
DVD £15.00

## Prom Praise - Moved by Compassion

recorded live at the Royal Albert Hall in March 2005.

CD £10.00

## Prom Praise: Live at the Royal Albert Hall (1999)

DVD £10.00  
video £5.00

## Praise my soul the King of heaven - Best of Prom Praise vol 2.

CD £10.00

## I will sing the wondrous story - Best of Prom Praise vol 1.

CD £10.00

## Billy Graham - Passing the Baton.

CD £15.00

## Joanne Lunn sings Prom Praise Solos

CD £10.00

## Prom Praise Solos - songbook

book £6.00

## Celebrate! All Souls Choir

CD £10.00

## Langham Place Fantasia - Gerard Brooks (organ)

CD £15.00



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